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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: )  
MAYER, et al. )  
Appln. No.: 09/402,277 )  
Filed: September 30, 1999 )  
For: METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION )

Art Unit: 1634  
Examiner: LU, Frank Wei Min  
Washington, D.C.  
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**RESPONSE IN PARENT CASE IN SUPPORT OF PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WHEN FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILING**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As a response in this case, as required by 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, 1.113, 1.192 or other regulation, a [X] continuation, [ ] continuation-in-part, [ ] divisional application, claiming benefit of the filing date of the present application, is being filed on even date herewith.

It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity Response Filed Within	Other Than Small Entity Response Filed Within
[ ] First - \$ 55.00	[ ] First - \$ 110.00
[ ] Second - \$205.00	[X] Second - \$ 410.00
[ ] Third - \$465.00	[ ] Third - \$ 930.00
[ ] Fourth - \$725.00	[ ] Fourth - \$1450.00
month after time period set	month after time period set
[ ] Less fees (\$ _____) already paid for __ months extension of time on _____.	

- [ ] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- [ ] Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is attached (Check No. \_\_\_\_\_).
- [X] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ 410.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application to deposit account No. 02-4035.

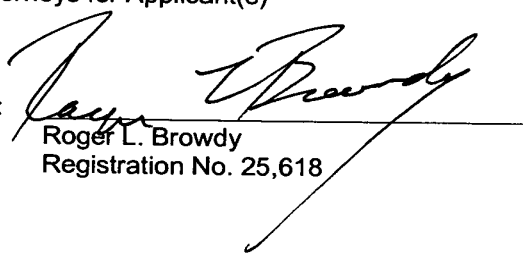
Upon the condition that the above petition for extension of time is granted and a filing date is granted to the above-mentioned continuing application, applicant(s) expressly abandon the above identified application, but not the invention therein.

The present communication is intended to be in accordance with the Commissioner's Notice of May 13, 1983, published at 1031 OG 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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